

Minutes of Town Forest Committee meeting September 17th, 2012
Story Memorial Hall

Members in attendance: Dennis Lemire, Laura Stillson, Rudy Gross, Cathy Boedtker and Jim Lyall
Public Attendees: None

Meeting called to order: 6:30 p.m.

Changes or Additions None

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Trail report

The attached trail report was sent to select board members and Town Forest committee members. Comment from the select board was that bridges, promotion and any major initiatives on trails have been put on hold until it is clearer who actually owns the resort property.

Kiosk

The kiosk has been installed in the TF parking lot. Town policy (TF rules) has been posted in the kiosk. Also map, trail report, TF welcome. The fold out box for a trail log was mounted on the post and a donation box will be mounted on the back, where it is seen as users return.

Signs

The committee approved the horse trail signs, with the caveat that if inappropriate horse traffic occurs elsewhere we will have to post "horses prohibited" signs as needed.

Bicentennial Trail

Laura, Mark Nowlan, Ted Siegler and Win Johnson scoped out a re-route with a better slope that joins the Brownsville Trail instead of the steep section of the Weathersfield trail. Any changes to the trail were put on hold by the select board until it can be proposed as an amendment to the Act 250 permit.

Snowmobile Bridge

Committee members were concerned about the structural integrity of the bridge and asked Jim to look at it, and present an opinion.

Gravel Pit Jim will post a sign prohibiting archery and firearm target practice.

Winter Trails At this point it is unlikely that any cross-country trail grooming will occur this year, but Paradise Sports has been talking about opening an annex at the ski area next year and would then bring their grooming equipment.

Mile Long Field Conservation Commission has talked about reopening the purchase option and adding it to the Town Forest.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully submitted, Jim Lyall, TFC Secretary